



MINUTES

HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 30, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Grover, Senate Chair
Rep. Michael K. McKell, House Chair
Rep. Susan Duckworth, House Vice Chair
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Sen. Evan J. Vickers
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard

Rep. Jon Hawkins
Rep. John Knotwell
Rep. Kelly B. Miles
Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Mark A. Strong
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Staff Present:

Ms. Lorna Wells, Session Secretary
Ms. Emily Willis, Financial Analyst
Mr. Sean C. Faherty, Fiscal Analyst

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks

Senate Chair Grover called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

2 . Introduction of Issue Briefs

Mr. Sean Faherty, Fiscal Analyst, discussed the Utah System Higher Education USHE issue briefs.

[3a-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session USHE Education and General Expenditures by Category](#)

[3b-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - USHE Degrees](#)

[3c-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session -Tuition Waivers](#)

[3d-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - USHE Appropriated and Total Institutional Budgets - FY 2017-2018](#)

[3e-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session USHE Contracts and Grants](#)

[3f-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - USHE Graduation Rates](#)

[3g-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - USHE Vehicle Expansion Request](#)

[3h-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - USHE Historical Funding](#)

3 . Approve Minutes - October 16, 2018

MOTION: Rep. Miles moved to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2018 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-11

Rep. M. Ballard
Sen. K. Grover
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Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. M. Strong
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0Absent-5

Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Knotwell
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson

Committee members introduced themselves.

Chair Grover gave some opening remarks.

Rep. McKell gave some opening remarks.

4 . Introduction of Higher Education Base Bill/2018 General Session Summary

Mr. Faherty gave an overview of the committees' responsibilities. He explained COBI and the links involved.

Chair Grover asked about the change in quorum requirements. Mr. Faherty explained this in more detail.

Mr. Faherty explained some changes in budget process.

[4a-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - USHE Base Budget Adjustments](#)

[4c-Budget of the State of Utah 2018-2019 Higher Education](#)

[4d-Issue Brief - 2018 Interim - Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-up Report](#)

Ms. Emily Willis, Financial Analyst, discussed the Base Budget in H.B. 1.

[4e-HED Budget Overview](#)

Rep. McKell mentioned that the committee will re-evaluate some performance measures especially as they apply to budget line items.

Mr. Faherty explained how the Higher Education budget fits into budget for the entire state.

5 . Base Budget Reallocations Proposed for the Base Bill

Mr. Faherty explained the base budget reallocations proposed for the base bill.

[5a-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - USHE Reallocations - Performance Funding](#)

[5b-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - Utah State University Reallocations](#)

6 . Operations and Maintenance Information

Mr. Faherty explained the Operations and Maintenance issue briefs.

[6a-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - USHE Operations and Maintenance New Facilities](#)

[6c-FY20 Five-Year Programs ECOPY 1-7-19](#)

[6b-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - USTC Operations and Maintenance Staff Funded Facilities](#)

Rep. McKell asked Mr. Faherty to demonstrate how to find all of the information.

7 . Utah System of Technical Colleges Overview

Mr. Jared Haines, Interim Commissioner, Utah System of Technical Colleges gave an overview of USTC.

Ms. Jayd Jacobsen, Davis Technical College, Student of the Year discussed her experiences at Davis Technical College.

Rep. McKell thanked Ms. Jacobsen for coming and asked her about the process of becoming student of the year. Ms. Jacobsen responded.

Mr. Zachary Barrus, Assistant Commissioner for Institutional Data and Research, discussed the UTECH Annual Report.

[http://www.utech.edu/assets/docs/Annual%20Report%202018%20\(December%20Release\).pdf](http://www.utech.edu/assets/docs/Annual%20Report%202018%20(December%20Release).pdf)

Rep. McKell asked about the chart showing graduation rates by college and gender. Mr. Barrus and Mr. Haines responded.

Mr. Barrus continued his presentation.

Mr. Haines gave some concluding remarks.

Sen. Hillyard asked for information regarding how many businesses by name have contributed to each of the colleges. Mr. Haines will provide that information. He asked about the current progress towards some of those goals. They will go into greater depth off-line.

Rep. Ballard thanked them for the presentation; asked if they were working with colleges about the "Keys to Success" program. Mr. Haines responded.

Mr. Faherty showed how to obtain some items that were discussed regarding USTC at the October 16, 2018 meeting.

Rep. Strong commented on how difficult it was for his company to find skilled technical employees. He asked how to compete with high tech companies in attracting new employees. Mr. Haines responded.

8 . Utah System of Higher Education Overview

Mr. David Buhler, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) introduced Mr. Spencer Jenkins, Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs and Ms. JaKell Larson, Student Regent.

Comm. Buhler gave an overview of Higher Education in Utah.

Mr. Harris Simmons, Chair, Board of Regents discussed some of the ways they are working to improve access and retention for students at USTC and USHE.

Ms. Larson discussed some of the issues regarding student safety.

Rep. Wheatley asked about ethnic minority completion rates. Comm. Buhler discussed USHE's goals for more open access.

Sen. Hillyard commented on the positive relationship between USTC and USHE. He asked about the perception that college graduates are having a harder time finding a job. Comm. Buhler and Chair Harris responded.

[7a-FY 2020 Higher Education Building Blocks](#)

[7b-Board of Regents FY 2020 Requests](#)

MOTION: Sen. Henderson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-13

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Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. J. Knotwell
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Senate Chair Grover adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.